Houston in Action

#HTownCounts #HTownVotes

Regional Superintendent Meeting • January 16, 2020. Houston City Hall

Welcome to Superintendents and their teams!

Introductions and Agenda Review

| 11:00-11:15 | Welcome and Lunch | |
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| 11:15-11:30 | Introductions and Agenda Review | |
| 11:30-11:45 | Mayor Turner Speaks About the Importance of | |
| | the Census | |
| 11:45-11:55 | What is at Stake for the Region | |
| 11:55-12:00 | Introduction to Houston in Action and timeline | |
| 12:05-12:15 | What are the resources available to you? | |
| 12:15-12:25 | US Census Bureau Resources | |
| 12:25-12:30 | Closing and Next Steps | |

Introductions

Please state your name, the District you represent and share your census plans and partners with us!

Mayor Turner Speaks about the Importance of the Census

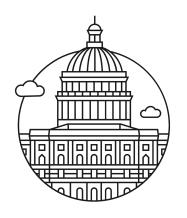
Census 2020: What's at Stake for Public Schools in the Houston region?

David McClendon January Advisors

Overview

- Why Census 2020 matters
- Who is at risk of not being counted?
- What's at risk for public schools and their students?
- What can public school leaders do about it?

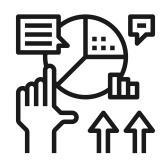
Why the Census matters



Constitutional obligation



Redistricting



Surveys & Analytics



Federal Funding



Texas missed 1% of residents in 2010

Compared with other states, Texas has higher concentrations of demographic groups that are at risk of not responding to the Census, including:

- Renters
- Young children (ages 0-4)
- Young adults (18-24)
- Latinx/Hispanic communities
- Asian communities
- Foreign-born
- Non-citizens

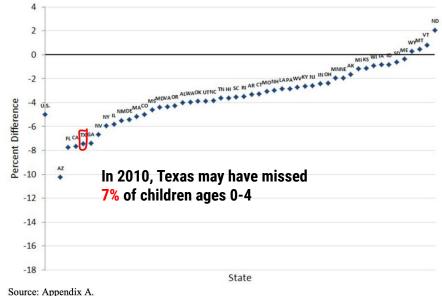


Figure 3. Percent Difference of 2010 Census Counts and 2010 Estimates by State for the Population Ages 0-4



How bad could it be?

Low-risk scenario: -0.78% statewide

- Only accounts for demographic change
- 2010 Census processes and response rates

Medium-risk scenario: -1.49%

- Accounts for changes to census processes
- Includes underfunding for non-response follow-up

High-risk scenario: -1.96%

- Lower-than-expected response rates
- Especially among immigrant communities

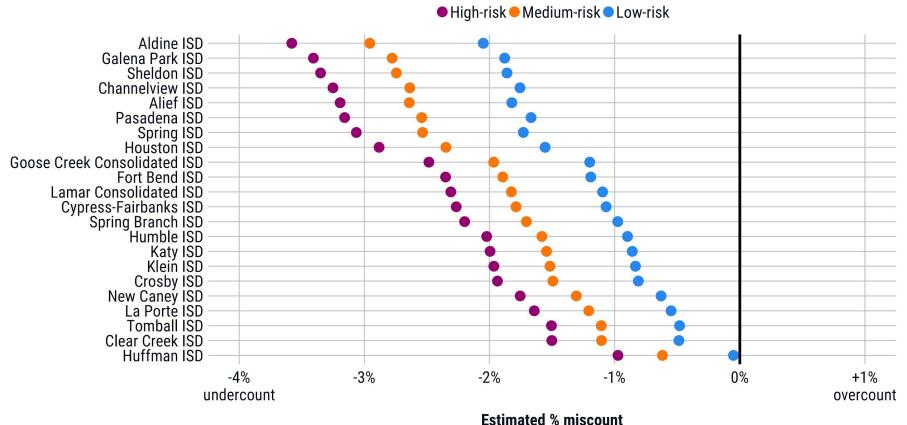
| Age | 2020 Projection 🔷 | Potential miscounts 🔷 |
|-------|-------------------|--|
| 0-4 | 2,083,600 | 00-0 |
| 5-17 | 5,427,200 | |
| 18-29 | 5,021,700 | -7% 0% +2% <u>High:</u> -2.12% <u>Medium:</u> -1.66% <u>Low:</u> -0.99% |
| 30-49 | 7,962,000 | |
| 50+ | 8,874,500 | |

Urban Institute (2019) "Who's At Risk of Being Miscounted? http://apps.urban.org/features/2020-census/



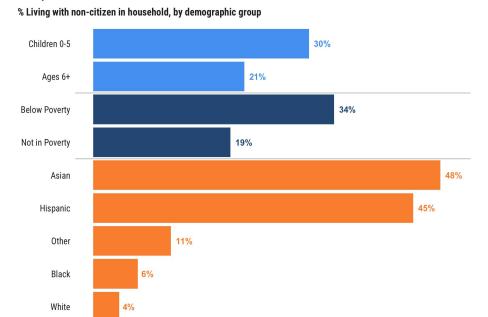
Most Houston-area school districts at risk of substantial undercount in 2020

Estimated % miscount in Census 2020 for Houston-area school districts



Citizenship Question's Impact on Texas

Hispanic and Asian Communities Put at Greater Risk



Note: Estimates based on American Community Survey, 2012-2016

The citizenship question will no longer be asked on Census 2020.

Yet, confusion and mistrust around its potential inclusion has the potential to harm groups that are already at risk of being undercounted:

- Young children
- Families in poverty
- Asian and Hispanic residents, including citizens
- Foreign-born



How much is at stake?

The Census guides funding allocations to over 55 federal programs, including National School Lunch Program.

A study by George Washington University estimates a loss of \$1,161 each year for every Texan missed in 2010 across 5 Federal Health and Human Services programs.

- \$1,102/person for Medicaid
- \$33/person for CHIP

In a 1% undercount scenario, Texas could lose

\$3.3 billion over the next ten years.

Counting for Dollars 2020:

https://gwipp.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaxdzs2181/f/downloads/GWIPP%20Reamer%20Fiscal%20Impacts%200f%20Census%20Undercount%20on%20FMAP-based%20Programs%2003-19-18.pdf

In FY2015, the FMAP guided the allocation of \$286.1 billion among the 50 states and the District of Columbia across five programs:

- Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid)
 - o Federal reimbursement to states for traditional Medicaid \$259,913,762,900
 - o State payments to federal government for prescription coverage through Medicare Part D \$8,934,827,262
- State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) \$11,089,152,000 in reimbursements
- Title IV-E Foster Care \$2,856,783,359 in reimbursements
- Title IV-E Adoption Assistance \$2,017,706,607 in reimbursements
- Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Matching Funds - \$1,298,677,787 in required state spending

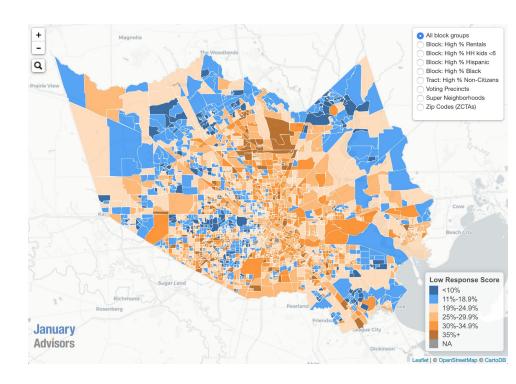


Impact on Harris County

24% Low Response Score

360,000 Households not responding to initial census form

\$400 mill Lost Federal funding to Texas over 10 years due to a 1% undercount





Impact on public school districts

- Student health and well-being
- School attendance and ADA funding
- National School Lunch Program
- Increased state spending on Medicare/CHIP could mean cuts to education by TX lege.





Impact on college students

- Health and well-being of low-income students and their families
- Child care subsidies to states
- Federal Pell Grant funding allocation
- Overall state spending





What can school districts do?

- Send flyers home with students
- Host a Census family night
- Target message to parents with young children
- Add Census 2020 to social studies curriculum.
- Teach older students how to fill out the census form.



Census 2020 resources

- Census Bureau's <u>research</u> and <u>marketing</u> materials
- Census Bureau's <u>survey</u> of parents with young children
- GWU's Counting For Dollars <u>study</u> about census' impact on federal funding
- Urban Institute's Census 2020 <u>miscount study</u>
- Map of hard-to-count neighborhoods
- General information on <u>Houston</u> and the <u>citizenship question's</u> impact on Census 2020
- Houston in Action: https://www.houstoninaction.org/



Thank you!

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Introduction: Houston in Action

A long-term, holistic view of Civic Participation

As guided by the 2018 Houston Civic Health Index

SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS

- Trust in Neighbors in Greater Houston
- Racial Discomfort in Harris County

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Charitable giving
- Volunteerism
- Participation in groups

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

- Political Discussion with
 Friends/Family in Greater Houston
- Contacting a public official
- Voter Participation
- Number of registered eligible voters
- Early voting
- Running for office
- Holding elected office
- Electoral options

Communities of Focus

- Young people
- People of color
- Low-income folks
- Less education
- Women in some categories

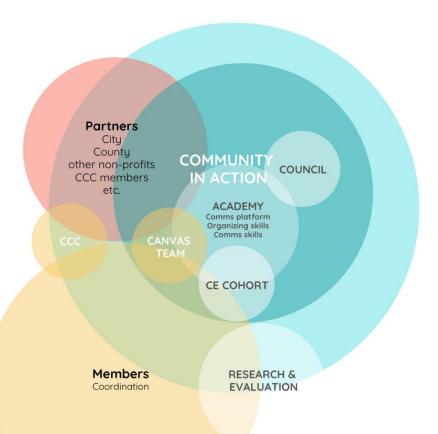
Regardless of social identity, people should have equal opportunities to participate in, and have a meaningful impact, on civic life.

And our open membership reflects this.

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Grounded in People Community in Action

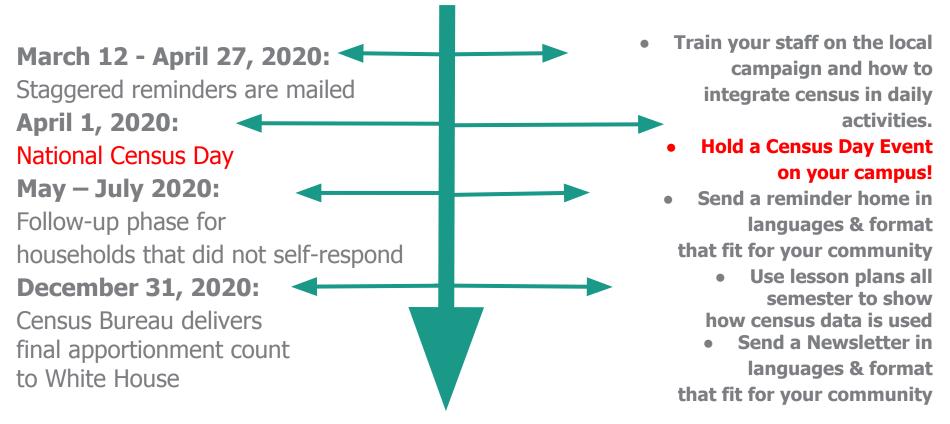
Council Civic Engagement Cohort Academy



Coordinated Efforts with the City and the County

- Houston in Action, the City of Houston and Harris County are regional partners for the Complete Count Committee. We work together to ensure that organizations and stakeholders are resourced and informed to respond to the census and ensure a complete count.
- We have a one in ten years opportunity to invite communities to participate and obtain the resources they need for their children and families.
- The form will be available on **March 13, 2020** so the time to train, resource and inform is NOW.

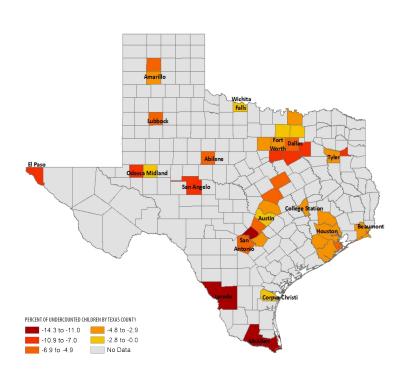
Key Dates and Suggested Event Timeline



Source of Dates: NALEO Educational Fund

What are the resources available to you?

2010 Young Child Undercount in Large Counties



5% (over 102,000) of young Texas children were undercounted in the 2010 Census.

How the public be invited to participate in 2020:

Between **March 12 – 20**:

Households receive an invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census (some households will receive paper questionnaires).



If you have not responded yet:

Between **March 16 – 24**:

A reminder letter is sent.

If you have not responded yet:

Between **April 8 – 16**:

A reminder letter and paper questionnaire is sent.

If you have not responded yet:

Between March 26 – April 3:

A reminder postcard is sent.

If you have not responded yet:

Between April 20 – 27:

A final reminder postcard is sent before the Census Bureau follows up in person.

2020: Information Dissemination,

Train the Trainers, Community Assistance Efforts & Events





January - February

- Women's March
- January 20: MLK Day
- February: Black History Month
- February 17: President's Day

May - July (Non Response Follow Up)

- Door to Door Enumeration is Here!
- May 7: National Teachers Day
- June: Immigrant Heritage Month
- July 4: Independence Day

March - April (Self Response)

Launch: QAC's

- March 2: Read Across America Day
- March 3: Super Tuesday
- March 12th: The Census is Here! (1st mailing)
- March 29th: Census Sunday
- March 31: Cesar Chavez Day
- March 29 April 4th: Census Week of Action
- April 1: Census Day
- April 30: Last Day to Self-Respond to avoid enumerator & Día del Niño

Census Counts Coalition









National "Hub" Organizations





























The *iHázme Contar!* Campaign, is a sub-campaign focused on achieving a full count of very young Latino children (ages 0-5).





The *iHazme Contar!* campaign will include working with local and national partners, educators, school board members, childcare providers, and parent leader groups to ensure they have the tools, information, and resources needed to inform their community on the importance of counting all children in the household – including young children.

The *iHazme Contar!* campaign will feature a number of resources, including :

- Comprehensive toolkit, sample curriculum, informational material, template presentation for educators and parents;
- · Template resolutions for school boards; and
- Earned media opportunities and digital media efforts.

We look forward to working with you and local and national media partners to ensure a full count of our kids!

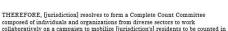
Resources for Parents and Educators



Resources for Elected Officials & School Board Members



Template for resolutions in support of an accurate 2020 Census Local outreach, assistance and promotion



THEREFORE, [jurisdiction] resolves that the Complete Count Committee include individuals and organizations from the [jurisdiction's] government: community and faith-based organizations: the media: education: business; labor: philanthropic institutions: and other individuals or organizations that work with or are familiar with hard-to-ount residents.

THEREFORE, [jurisdiction] resolves that the members of the Complete Count Committee shall represent the full geographic, gender, racial, ethnic and age diversity of the [jurisdiction];

THEREFORE, [jurisdiction] resolves to establish an [Inter-Agency/Inter-Departmental] Working Group with representatives of each of the [jurisdiction's][agencies/departments], which will meet on a regular basis to develop and implement strategies for each [agency/department] to conduct Census 2020 outreach and mobilization;

THEREFORE, [jurisdiction] resolves that the [City Manager/Chief Executive Officer/Chief Administrative Officer/Superintendent of Schools] prepare, and deliver to this body by [date], a report which sets forth [jurisdiction?s] plan to mobilize its residents to participate in Census 2020. The plan shall include an assessment of the resources and any leval authorization needed to establish.

- . the Complete Count Committee set forth in this resolution;
- the [Inter-Agency/Inter-Departmental] Working group set forth in this
- Census Questionnaire Assistance Centers at [jurisdiction] facilities; the plan shall address the ability of such facilities to make computer technology available for residents to complete their Census 2020 questionnaires.

The plan shall also assess the feasibility of the [jurisdiction] establishing a grant program for community-based or faith-based organizations to conduct Census 2020 mobilization activities, and shall present a recommendation regarding such a program.

Template Resolution in Support of Census 2020

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MATERIALS CREATED BY TEXANS CARE FOR CHILDREN AND THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES (ALL AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH)

- Printable posters and flyers to the right can be found at txchildren.org/census
- Information Sheet: Counting Young Texas
 Children in the 2020 Census
- FAQ: Counting Young Texas Children in the 2020 Census
- Presentation Template: Counting Young Texas Children in the 2020 Census

For more information: txchildren.org/census Katie Mitten, kmitten@txchildren.org

Resources

- txchildren.org/census
 - There is a helpful listserv you can sign up for on this website (Counting Young Texas Children 2020 Census listserv)
- bettertexasblog.org/2020-census-tx
- texascounts.org
- countallkids.org
- censushardtocountmaps2020.us







EDUCATION and YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - promote educational, social and emotional development of children by finding their strengths and developing their areas of improvement while educating families on strategies to help their child(ren) succeed.

Program Areas

GENLITES - Gaining Early Needed Literacy Information To Excel & Succeed (Birth to 10 years)

Family and Community Engagement

Family Literacy Nights Read and Rise

- MIDLITES Managing Individual Development Leading Into Transitional Education Skills (11-14 years)
- NULITES National Urban League Incentives To Excel & Succeed (15-18 years)
 - · Post-secondary success program focusing on leadership, scholarship, and college and career readiness
 - Utilizes National Urban League's evidence-based curriculum specially designed for the UL movement and African American and other urban youth ready for college, work and life
- HILITES (19-25 years)

Contact:

Houston Area Urban League Felicia Jackson, Manager fjackson@haul.org*(281)220-6019





Program Activities

- Family and Community Engagement
 - Family Literacy Nights (FLN)
 - Read and Rise (R&R)
- Student Engagement
 - · Project Ready ID (ID)
 - Project Ready NULITES (NULITES)
 - Summer Projects
 - Project Ready STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, Math)
 - Community Impact SUNNYSIDE
 - Program Site Worthing High School with services to all schools in Worthing feeder within a school year

182 In School/Out of School Time Hours per year

- Leadership/Team Building activities
- College tours
- Business tours
- Academic sessions
- Job/Career Readiness sessions

- Cultural Arts activities/events
- > Athletic events
- College Readiness sessions
- > Recreational events
- Peer Leadership opportunities
- Conference/Trips

School Districts

- HISD FLN, R&R, ID, NULITES
 - 20 schools (ES, MS, & HS)
- · Alief FLN, ID
 - 5 school (MS)
- Aldine FLN
 - 1 (ES)

- Service learning projects community service
- Mentor activities
- Parent meetings/sessions

Jolt: 2020 Vision

Jolt Initiative is a non-profit organization that increases the civic participation of Latinos in Texas to build a stronger democracy and ensure that everyone's voice is heard. Jolt knows that our democracy works best when everyone gets a seat at the table. That's why Jolt builds the leadership capacity of millennial Latinos to mobilize their peers to action.

WE COUNT, CONTAMOS Initiative

We believe Young Latinxs will be the leaders in this moment and effort to build a Texas that is representative and respectful of ALL TEXANS. High School Student Chapters are in the works!

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Organizing in Schools

H.I.S.D.

CHARTER SCHOOLS:

Tijerina Elementary

KIPP Generations

De Zavala Elementary

Cristo Rey

Sanchez Elementary

Crespo Elementary

Edison Middle School

HAIS High School

Chavez High School

Milby High School

Austin High School

South Houston High School

Galena Park High School

East Early College High School

Ninfa Lorenzo Early Childhood Center

How are we organizing?

- We are tabling during lunch and at dismissal
- Census trainings in government/social studies/economics/sociology/ESL classes
- Meeting with PTOs and providing census trainings
- Attending coffee with the principal
- Attending HISD community meetings.





- TMO/GCLC is a 40-year-old broad-based organization of institutions:
 - Congregations, schools, PTO/PTA's, non-profit organizations, civic clubs and neighborhood associations, etc.
- We develop leaders in institutions to address the issues impacting families.
- We are Non-Partisan, Multi-issue, Dues-based.
- We are willing to work with institutions throughout the metro-Houston area
- GCLC is the training wing for TMO

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Targeted Districts and Areas

Aldine ISD

- Working with the Assistant Superintendent for Community and Governmental Relations of Aldine ISD, NALEO, Bonding Against Adversity, and Baker Ripley.
- We will be targeting all 40 elementary schools and some High Schools.

Houston ISD

- Working with the Wraparound Specialist Department.
- We are identifying interested schools in communities where we have member congregations, especially: Near Northside/Northside, Acres Homes, Garden Oaks, Heights, Third Ward, Fifth Ward, Kashmere Gardens, Trinity Gardens, North Forest.

How can TMO/GCLC support schools that work with us?

- We are willing to help schools organize a census team consisting of staff, teachers, and parents who are willing to work together to develop and implement a census action plan for their campus.
- We have developed potential tools, timelines, and strategies to move this
 process along.



Workers Defense Project (WDP) is a membership-based community organization that empowers low-income workers to achieve fair employment through education, direct services, organizing and strategic partnerships.

Camila Trujillo: Phone:(832)269-8060 maria@workersdefense.org









14,300

Created 14,300 good, safe construction jobs through agreements with developers

23,393

Educated 23,393 workers on their employment rights and how to defend them

347,000

Won paid rest breaks for the 347,000 construction workers employed in Austin and Dallas

1.6 million

Recovered more than \$1.6 million in back wages through legal and direct action Shape your future START HERE >



2020 Census Workshops for Schools: Education Workshop

Presented by

Acacia Croft, Partnership Specialist

U.S. Census Bureau-Denver Region January 16, 2020



Welcome...To Whom it may concern.....







SIS-Partnership Outreach Phases



Phase One:

Contacting SCCCs, CCCs, and state school officials.



Phase Two:

Contacting
Superintendents and
School Officials.



Phase Three:

Holding **SIS Week** events and activities at Tier One schools.

March 2-6, 2020



Phase One - SCCCs

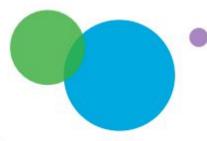
- Contact each assigned SCCCs and notify them of the SIS Initiative. Deliver in-person the Director's letter and point them to the SIS materials online.
- Work with the SCCC to identify a lead state school official to educate them about SIS and all available materials.
- Must contact all SCCCs and state school officials by November 15th.







Phase Two - Schools



- Team Y&R developed a targeted school list, broken down into three tiers by Low Response Scores to prioritize outreach to the Hard to Count (HTC) populations.
- School District Superintendents were to have received SIS materials from HQ in advance to ensure visibility at the School District level.
- Tier One schools denote the highest outreach priority. PSs will contact
 school officials in each of the Tier One schools and attempt to register
 the schools as a partner and gain a commitment from the official that
 they will send home the "take home" letter with all students during SIS
 week.







Phase Three - SIS Week

March 2 - 6, 2020

- SIS Week will invite educators across the country to join forces to use the SIS program in their classrooms and participate in fun events that can be conducted in any school.
- This celebratory week will take place right around the time the Census will be opening to start collecting responses, in spring 2020.
- SIS will provide specific materials and content to help promote SIS Week, so stay tuned for more on how you can help spread the word.





Phase Three - SIS Week

- Create and hold SIS events at Tier One schools during SIS Week.
- PS's must create at least one event in every Tier One school.
- Work with schools to support the creation and implementation of various contests/challenges to promote the 2020 Census. For instance: Essay contests, data challenges, etc.









MAKE YOUTH COUNT #CENSUS2020



The Mayor's Challenge

During the Spring semester, Mayor Turner challenged us to come up with solutions to tackle the 30% census undercount in the City of Houston. This would bring in billions of dollars to the city and also restructure the allocation of elective representation in the city.



WHO WE ARE

Make Youth Count is an initiative of IDEAS
Academy at Houston Community College's West
Houston Institute. We are a student led initiative
to erase the undercount in Houston in the
upcoming 2020 Census.





OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Make Youth Count provides young people with the means to lead activities at their schools and campuses to secure a complete count of their communities in the upcoming 2020 Census.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

MAKE YOUTH COUNT
MAYORS STUDENT INITIATIVE
TO ERASE THE UNDERCOUNT

TOOL KIT: STUDENT LEDCAMPUS

CENTRIC ORGANIZING FOR 2020 CENSUS RESPONSE







Questions or Challenges?





How to use this toolkit:

STFP 1 **READ THE** INTRO

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Welcome! Find out what this toolkit. is, who it's for, and how to use it.

STEP 2

GET A CENSUS REFRESHER

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Take Census 101-get a refresher on the reasons census matters to your community and the United States at large.

STFP 3

LEARN THE BASICS OF OUTREACH

Get quick tips & best practices on how to design your outreach based on behavioral science research.

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STFP 4

IDENTIFY YOUR AUDIENCE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION



any impact on my life."

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"I have trouble completing census forms." PAGE 13

"I don't have time to fill out the census"



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STEP 5

TAILOR YOUR OUTREACH

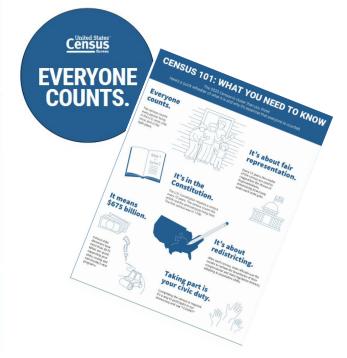
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Answer some questions and fill in the blanks to create a plan for your outreach strategy.

STEP 6 **USE OUR** RESOURCES

See examples and get printable materials to support your census outreach efforts.

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U.S. Department of Commerce **Economics and Statistics Administration** U.S. CENSUS BUREAU census.gov

Census.gov/Partners/Toolkit.pdf

Census.gov/Schools

What to Know Now

- New Resources, Worksheets Coming
- OK To Get Started
- → Worksheets, Fun Facts, Data Tools



What to Prepare For Census.gov/Schools

- August 2019: New Worksheets Created By Educators, Census Data Experts, Worksheets For Children 2-5
- September 2019: Principals Get Administrator Kits With Materials
- December 2019: New Videos To Help Children Understand Why 2020 Census Is Important
- March 2-6: SIS Week Opportunity for Educators TO Join Forces, Show How Students Can Use SIS

2020Census.gov/Jobs





Thank you!

We invite you to connect with the organizations that presented today!

For any questions, contact Ana Mac Naught, Houston in Action Census Coordinator at:

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